

I support this petition and request the FCC maintain Morse requirements for General and Extra licenses. Morse code is still an extremely efficient method using simple equipment to assure completion of communications. The military may have eliminated Morse code use but they use UHF satellite communications, and hams use HF in very emergency situations that require simple efficient equipment. Technicians should NOT get HF privileges without some testing of their knowledge of HF communications. Written exams should emphasize technical knowledge, since that has been the major argument in eliminating the Morse code requirement. I also support elimination of instant retests at VE sessions, but no other delays. If another VE session is available on the same or next day the applicant should be able to use it. Please restore a syllabus of general topics in the regulations similar to before the April 2000 restructuring.